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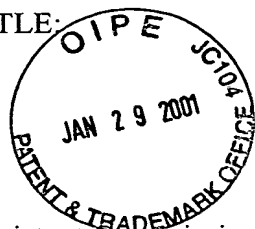
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant respectfully requests that citation and examination of the following document be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

Reference AA - United States Patent No. 5,710,706

Reference AB - United States Patent No. 5,606,508

Reference AC - United States Patent No. 4,525,786

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Each of the above references was cited by the European Patent Office in a search report rendered in connection with the European application corresponding to the present United States application. In addition, the European Search Report cited United States Patent Nos. 5,699,258 and 4,424,573, however, those references were already made of record in the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 11, 2000.

Since the above references are in English no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a First Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the present application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination or in combination with any of the other previously submitted references. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

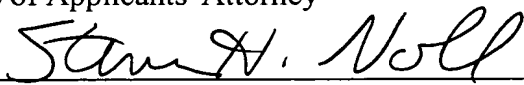
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